

CHAPTER 1069
LEGAL DRINKING AGE

H. F. 112

AN ACT establishing the legal age for the sale to and consumption of beer and alcoholic beverages at nineteen years of age.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section one hundred twenty-three point three (123.3), subsection thirty-three (33), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

33. "Legal age" means ~~eighteen~~ nineteen years of age or more.

Sec. 2. Section one hundred twenty-three point forty-nine (123.49), subsection two (2), paragraph f, Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

f. Any person under ~~legal~~ eighteen years of age shall not be employed in the sale or serving of alcoholic liquor or beer for consumption on the premises where sold.

Sec. 3. The provisions of this Act shall not apply to persons who were born on or before June 30, 1960.

Approved June 29, 1978

CHAPTER 1070
COUNTY HOSPITAL TREATMENT

S. F. 158

AN ACT to amend or revise certain code sections affected by the repeal of former chapter two hundred fifty-four (254) of the Code.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section one hundred thirty-five B point thirty-one (135B.31), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

135B.31 EXCEPTIONS. Nothing in this division is intended or should affect in any way that obligation of public hospitals under chapter 347 or municipal hospitals, as well as the state hospital at Iowa City, to provide medical treatment for indigent persons ~~or tuberculosis patients as provided in chapters 254 and~~ under chapter 255, wherein medical treatment is provided by hospitals of that category to patients of certain entitlement, nor to the operation by the state of mental or other hospitals authorized by law. Nothing herein

shall in any way affect or limit the practice of dentistry or the practice of oral surgery by a dentist.

Sec. 2. Section three hundred forty-seven point sixteen (347.16), Code 1977, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

347.16 TREATMENT IN COUNTY HOSPITAL--TERMS.

1. Any resident of a county in this state who is sick or injured shall be entitled to care and treatment in any public hospital established and maintained by that county under this chapter, so long as that person observes the rules of conduct prescribed by the board of hospital trustees. Each patient admitted under this subsection, or the person legally liable for that patient's support, shall pay to the board of hospital trustees reasonable compensation for that patient's care and treatment according to the rules established by the board, unless subsection two (2) of this section is applicable.

2. Free care and treatment shall be furnished in a county public hospital to any sick or injured person who has legal settlement under section two hundred fifty-two point sixteen (252.16) of the Code in the county maintaining the hospital, and who is indigent. The board of hospital trustees shall determine whether a person is indigent and entitled to free care under this subsection, or may delegate that determination to the overseer of the poor or the office of the department of social services in that county, subject to such guidelines as the board may adopt in conformity with applicable statutes.

3. Care and treatment may be furnished in a county public hospital to any sick or injured person who has legal settlement outside the county which maintains the hospital, subject to such policies and rules as the board of hospital trustees may adopt. If care and treatment is provided under this subsection to a person who is indigent, the county in which that person has legal settlement shall pay to the board of hospital trustees the fair and reasonable cost of the care and treatment provided by the county public hospital unless the cost of the indigent person's care and treatment is otherwise provided for.

4. A county public hospital may, but shall not be required to, provide care and treatment for persons afflicted with tuberculosis. If treatment for tuberculosis is provided by a county public hospital, the provisions of this section shall be applicable to persons admitted to that hospital for such treatment.

Sec. 3. Section three hundred forty-seven point seventeen (347.17), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

347.17 ACCOUNTS--COLLECTION. It shall be the duty of the trustees either by themselves or through the superintendent to make collections of all accounts for hospital services rendered ~~for-others~~ to persons other than indigent patients ~~or-patients~~ entitled to free care as provided in ~~chapter-254~~ section two (2) of this Act. Such account shall be payable on presentation to the person liable therefor of an itemized statement and if not paid or secured within sixty days after such presentation the said trustees shall proceed to enforce collections by such means as are necessary and are authorized to employ any person for that purpose, and if legal proceedings are required they may employ counsel, the employment in either event to be on such arrangement for compensation as the trustees deem appropriate, provided, however, that should the county attorney act as attorney for the board in any such legal proceedings he shall serve without additional compensation.

Sec. 4. Section four hundred forty-four point twelve (444.12), subsection one (1), Code 1977, is amended by striking paragraph d.

Approved June 12, 1978

CHAPTER 1071

HEALTH FACILITIES COUNCIL

H. F. 630

AN ACT to appropriate funds to the department of health to be used to discharge the responsibilities of the department under House File three hundred fifty-four (354)*, Acts of the Sixty-seventh General Assembly, 1977 session, and to establish the salaries of members of the state health facilities council established by that Act.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the state department of health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1977 and ending June 30, 1978, the sum of sixty-seven thousand three hundred forty-two (67,342) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be used for salaries, support, maintenance and miscellaneous purposes by the department in discharging its statutory responsibility

* Chapter 75